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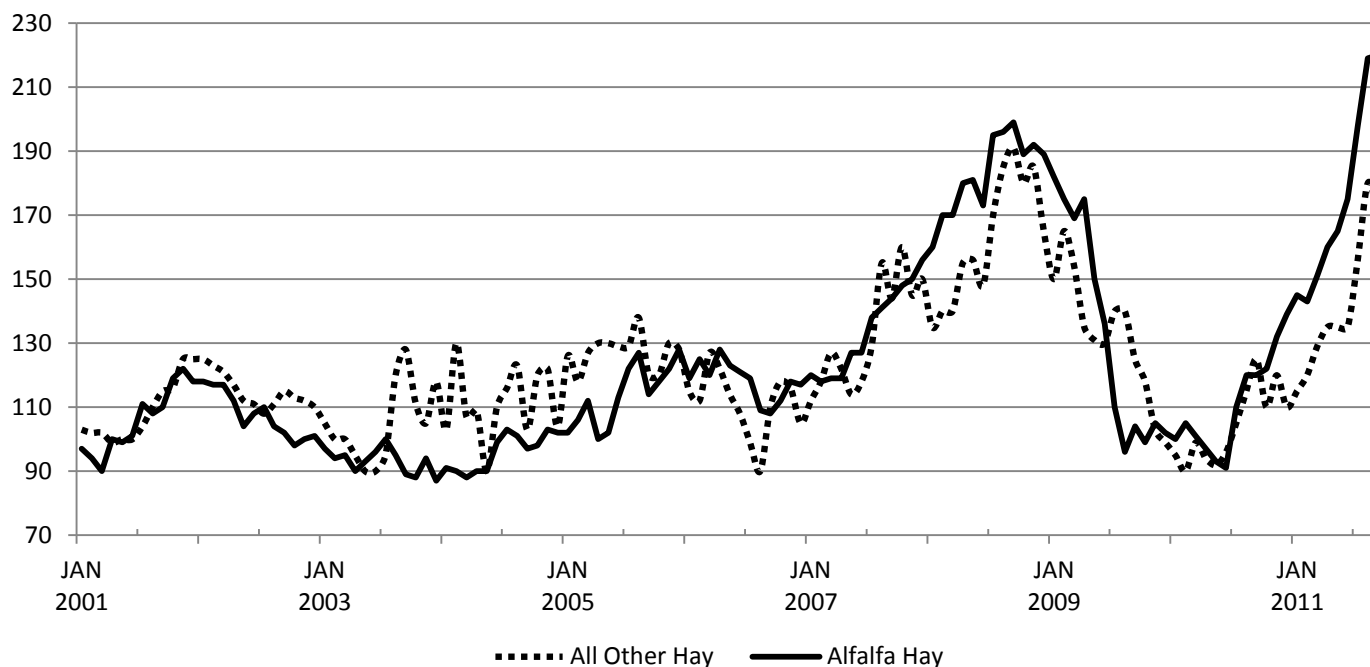
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Hay Prices

Nevada: Hay prices for August were up for all hay, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. The all hay price, at \$216.00 per ton, is up \$21.00 from July and up \$96.00 from last August. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$219.00 per ton, up \$21.00 from July and up \$99.00 from a year ago. All other hay, at \$180.00 per ton, is up \$24.00 from July and up \$65.00 from a year ago.

United States: On the national level for August, prices were up from July for all hay, alfalfa hay, and all other hay. The all hay price, at \$172.00 per ton, is up \$2.00 from July and up \$62.00 from last August. Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures came in at \$191.00 per ton, and all other hay at \$127.00 per ton. July hay prices for the U.S. were \$170.00 for all hay, \$189.00 for alfalfa hay, and \$119.00 for all other hay.

Alfalfa and All Other Hay, Monthly Prices for Nevada, January 2001 to September 2011



September Weather Summary

The State's weather was dominated by high pressure systems that brought above normal temperatures and some thunderstorms. Temperatures averaged from 8.2 degrees above normal in Reno to 1.4 degrees above normal in Las Vegas. This was the warmest September in Reno since 1888. Las Vegas had the highest temperature of 105 degrees. Winnemucca recorded a low of 30 degrees. Most of the precipitation occurred around the middle of the month. All stations recorded some precipitation. Ely recorded the most with 1.33 inches, 0.5 inches above normal. Reno recorded the least precipitation with 0.03 inches, 0.42 inches below normal. Range conditions were starting to decline seasonally, with most being in good to fair condition. Alfalfa second cutting mostly concluded during September and third cutting started. Onion and potato harvest was underway. The main farm and ranch activities were weed and insect control, hay harvest and shipping, equipment maintenance, and preparing for fall-seeded crops.

Weather data for stations in Nevada: September 2011

Station	Temperature (°F)				Precipitation (inches)		
	Monthly Avg.	Departure from Normal	High	Low	Monthly Total	Departure from Normal	Greatest 24 Hour
Reno	70.6	+8.2	94	45	0.03	-0.42	0.03
Elko	62.6	+3.8	91	34	0.38	-0.19	0.38
Ely	60.3	+3.5	88	36	1.33	+0.50	1.03
Winnemucca	64.0	+3.7	93	30	0.15	-0.29	0.15
Eureka	62.3	+4.1	90	37	0.31	-0.27	0.27
Tonopah	67.7	+3.2	90	47	0.65	+0.27	0.48
Las Vegas	84.0	+1.4	105	64	0.78	+0.53	0.62

Small Grains Summary

Nevada: During the 2011 crop year, there were 12,000 acres of all wheat harvested, unchanged from 2010. The 2011 estimated yield of 108.8 bushels per acre was up 3.0 bushels from the 105.8 bushels last year. The 2011 total wheat production is estimated at 1,305,000 bushels. Nevada's 2011 winter wheat planted acres totaled 15,000 with 9,000 being harvested. The winter wheat yield was estimated to be 115 bushels per acre, a record high, up 6.0 bushels from last year. Winter wheat production totaled 1,035 thousand bushels. Other spring wheat planted acres totaled 8,000 acres up from last year's 4,000 acres. Most other spring wheat planted acres went for hay and purposes other than grain. An estimated 3,000 acres were harvested with a yield of 90.0 bushels per acres. Sprint wheat production totaled 270 thousand bushels.

United States: Nationally, the 2011 winter wheat production totaled 1.49 billion bushels, down slightly from the August forecast but 1 percent above the previous year. The United States yield is 46.2 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from August and down 0.6 bushel from 2010. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 32.3 million acres, up slightly from August and up 2 percent from the previous year. White winter production totaled 256 million bushels, up 12 percent from the previous year. Planted and harvested acreage in the Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) was above 2010's level. Record high yields were experienced in Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. The 2011 Production for other spring wheat is estimated at 462 million bushels, down 11 percent from the August forecast and down 25 percent from 2010. Harvested area totaled 12.1 million acres, down 2 percent from August and down 10 percent from last year. The United States yield is 38.3 bushels per acre, down 4.2 bushels from August and 7.8 bushels lower than last year. Yields are below the previous year's level in all States except Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, where record high yields were achieved in all three States.

Small Grain Summary: Acreage, Yield and Production, 2010-2011

	2010				2011			
	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
	1,000 Acres		Bushels	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Acres		Bushels	1,000 Bushels
Nevada								
All Wheat	23	12	105.8	1,270	23	12	108.8	1,305
Winter	19	10	109.0	1,090	15	9	115.0	1,035
Other Spring	4	2	90.0	180	8	3	90.0	270
United States								
All Wheat	53,593	47,619	46.3	2,206,916	54,409	45,715	43.9	2,008,039
Winter	37,335	31,741	46.8	1,484,861	40,646	32,314	46.2	1,493,677
Other Spring	13,698	13,359	46.1	615,975	12,394	12,079	38.3	462,473

¹ All wheat is comprised of both winter wheat and spring wheat varieties

2010 Potato Production Down 7 Percent Nationally

Total potato production in the United States during 2010 is estimated at 404 million hundredweight (cwt), 7 percent below the 2009 crop. Harvested area, at 1.01 million acres, is down 3 percent from 2009. The average yield of 401 cwt per acre is down 13 cwt per acre from last year's record high.

The value of all potatoes sold in 2010, at \$3.45 billion, increased 5 percent from the previous year. The average price, at \$9.20 per cwt, is up \$0.95 from 2009. The quantity of potatoes sold from the 2010 crop totaled 375 million cwt, down 6 percent from 2009. Sales account for 93 percent of 2010 production, up 1 percent from the previous year.

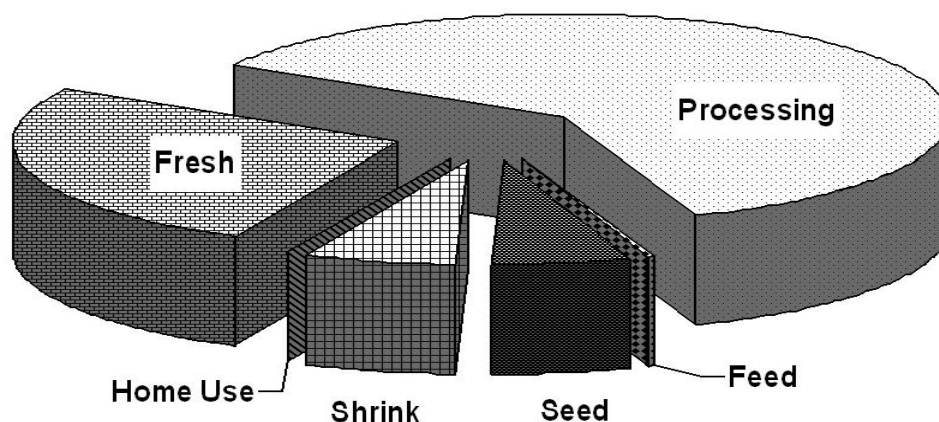
Potato Utilization – United States: 2008-2010

[Totals may not add due to rounding]

Utilization Items	Crop year		
	2008 (1,000 cwt)	2009 (1,000 cwt)	2010 (1,000 cwt)
Sales			
Table stock	109,351	116,326	107,407
Processing			
Chips and shoestrings	50,988	42,548	54,692
Dehydrated ¹	40,646	44,477	34,130
Frozen french fries	134,123	138,589	135,557
Other frozen products	19,519	21,004	13,360
Canned products	2,070	1,983	1,658
Other canned products (hash, stews, soups)	790	748	689
Starch, flour, and other	5,288	6,504	6,356
Total	253,424	255,853	246,442
Other sales			
Livestock feed	803	6,533	593
Seed	20,900	20,219	20,621
Total	21,703	26,752	21,214
Total sales	384,478	398,931	375,063
Non-sales			
Seed used on farms where grown	3,315	3,346	3,002
Household use and used for feed on farms where grown	823	1,189	1,218
Shrinkage and loss	26,438	29,135	24,990
Total non-sales	30,576	33,670	29,210
Total production	415,055	432,601	404,273

¹ Dehydrated products except starch and flour.

2010 Potato Disposition



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Pasture and Range

Pasture and Range Crop Condition, Percent Rating Good or Better Week Ending October 2, 2011

